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Voters to Give Opinion on Open or Secret Ballot Town Meeting Format

(Lamoine) - Selectmen will find out in November whether voters wish to do away with the open annual town meeting in favor of voting on all matters by referendum. The question appearing on the ballot reads: *"Should all articles placed before the annual town meeting be decided by secret ballot referendum, with a public hearing held prior to voting, rather than on the floor of open town meeting?"*

Just coming up with the wording of the question has been an intensive exercise. By statute, Selectmen have the authority to call a town meeting by whichever method the board prefers. Lacking a town charter, Lamoine voters may only advise the Selectmen of their preference of one method over another.

A petition submitted a couple of years ago had proposed an ordinance to require that the secret ballot town meeting be put before voters as a binding measure. Selectmen opted to not put that measure to vote based on legal advice.

Since discussion began again late last year, the Board has been proceeding methodically toward the November 2nd vote. An informal survey was circulated at

the polls during the June 2010 primary, and a good many answers came back. Selectman Cynthia Donaldson prepared a compilation of the 149 responses. The comments were most telling:

"It is the only community wide event Lamoine still observes" remarked one respondent. Another commented *"If you do not vote the way certain people want, you are said to hate children and you are made out to be ignorant. I am tired of this!"*. Of those who said they do not normally attend the open town meeting, most said the timing was poor, and the 2nd most said some people monopolize the meeting. Of those who said they do attend the town meeting, the majority said they like to hear discussion about the articles before voting on them, and nearly the same number said they like to be able to ask questions and contribute to the discussion about the articles.

The advisory vote will take place during the Gubernatorial election on November 2nd. Absentee ballots will be available 30-days prior to Election Day. Lamoine residents will also elect a new RSU 24 Representative (see article below)

Lamoine Now on Facebook

(Lamoine) - A half billion people can't



be wrong. The Facebook social networking website has a lot of folks from Lamoine who are members, and with a Selectboard goal of encouraging more young people to become involved with local government, the town has set up a Facebook page.

In the first couple of weeks after the page went up in September, the town already had more than 60-fans, and that was without any publicity at all.

Postings on the Facebook site will give folks a chance to comment on issues facing the town. Meeting notices will also be posted as time permit, along with relevant pictures from around town and local news events.

Facebook members can search for "Town of Lamoine, Maine", and then click the "like" button. Friends are urged to contribute pictures and comments.

The town's website (www.lamoine-me.gov) will continue to be the main repository of on-line local government information.

Jina's Gym Dedicated To Open School

(Lamoine) - Great things often happen out of tragedy, and the renovated gym at the Lamoine Consolidated School is a prime example. A huge crowd showed on September 2nd to dedicate the gym in the memory of Jina Haslam, whose death in an auto accident in 2005 came just 6-days after she graduated from the 8th grade in that same gym.

During the past 5-years, the Jina's Gym

organization has raised over \$230,000, initially in an effort to construct a new gym, and then settling on major improvements to the existing gym at the school. Golf Tournaments, yard sales, even a professional wrestling match all contributed to the fund.

The renovations include new acoustic tile in the ceiling of the gym, new padding on both ends of the basketball court, installation of a speaker system, and, just this summer, a new floor installed over the old, slippery tile. The floor looks like a wooden, parquet style, but is actually a vinyl material installed by the Family Floor Store. All agree it is very attractive, and basketballs bounce on it nicely. Bas-



Patti Haslam reads from the plaque mounted to the wall at the newly renovated Lamoine School Gym, dedicated to the memory of her daughter Jina

ketball games had to be stopped a few years ago due to condensation on the tile floor, a problem that was apparently solved last season when other renovations took place at the school. A team mascot lion remains to be painted onto the floor.

The dedication came one year to the day after the death of Bobby Haslam, Jina's Dad, a bittersweet moment for mom and wife Patti Haslam, who is now the phys ed teacher at the school—a position she did not hold 5-years ago. Choking back tears at times, Patti's Dad, Bill Neleski, thanked the entire community for its support, both of the fund raising effort and of the Haslam family which endured double tragedies in the past five years.

RSU 24 Rep Election Set

(Lamoine) - Unless someone mounts a massive write-in campaign, former Selectman Brett Jones should be the next RSU #24 representative from Lamoine. Jones is on the November 2, 2010 ballot unopposed for the seat vacated when Jon Morren resigned from the position in August. In fact, Jones was appointed the interim representative from Lamoine, serving in that position until November's election. The term of office expired in June 2012.

Jones lives on Seal Point Road with his wife, Dr. Patricia Wyshak and their two children Madison and Matthew. He served as a Selectman from 2005 until 2009. He also serves on the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department as a Lieutenant in charge of the rescue boat, and has been a key in technology improvements and networking operations at the Lamoine Town Office. He has a keen interest in computing technology.

Morren resigned from the RSU #24 position due to time constraints. The job requires a lot of time commitment—with meetings nearly every week, depending on which committee the member is appointed to. The new RSU board member will face many challenges, including the continuing issue of secondary education, declining school enrollment, and less financial help from the state

Planning Board Tackles Gravel Pits

(Lamoine) - After a relatively quiet summer, the Lamoine Planning Board had to swing back into action in September, processing 7 gravel pit permit renewals, and a new site plan and gravel permit application, reconfiguring a pit that was previously denied.

The Board will consider the renewals on six pits owned and operated by Harold MacQuinn, Inc. and one owned and operated by RF Jordan, Inc. After reviewing the applications for completeness, the board ventured into the field, taking pictures and noting how much area has been reclaimed. Final action is expected at the October 5, 2010 meeting.

Also submitted for action was a gravel pit expansion request from Doug Gott & Sons, Inc. The expansion requires both a site plan review permit and a gravel permit. It involves a piece of land that Gott purchased on the Lamoine Beach Road, adjacent to a currently operating pit. This is the same land on which Gott had proposed a new

pit operation that was denied by the Board several months ago. Gott appeals that denial, arguing that use of standards in the Comprehensive Plan were improper, but the Board of Appeals upheld the Planning Board's actions on the denial of a Site Plan Review permit. The denial of a gravel extraction permit, though, was overturned.

The Board will review the new application for completeness at its October 5th meeting, and if found complete, a public hearing is likely to be scheduled for November. Notices will be mailed to abutting landowners.



The Lamoine Planning Board conducts a site visit at one of the gravel pits up for renewal. Pictured (left to right) Secretary Mike Garrett, Surveyor Steve Salisbury, Member Jim Gallagher, Chair John Holt, and Member Mike Jordan (Gordon Donaldson photo)

Code Enforcement Issues 21 Permits

(Lamoine) - Though building construction has seemed relatively slow, it has been a busy summer for Lamoine's Code Enforcement Officers. Dennis Ford and Michael Jordan issued the following permits:

Nbr.	Name	Project
20	Dodge, Stephen	Residence
21	Wuorinen, John	Greenhouse
22	Payson, Ernest	Deck
23	Thorburn, Mark	Addition
24	Milanesio, A.	Residence
25	Stewart, Margaret	Addition
26	Labossiere, Anne	Wood Shed

27	Ehlers, Rob't	Garage
28	Pinkham, David	Addition
29	Brawn, Jeff	Shed
30	Barbeau, M.	Garage
31	Smart, Earl	Addition
32	Leavitt, James	Residence
33	Watson, Herb	Residence
34	Stone, Greg	Deck
35	Kautz, Maurice	Sea Wall
36	Watson, Herb	Wood Shed
37	McLaughlin, Sean	Garage
38	Bailey, Karri	Shed
39	Barbeau, M.	RV on Lot
40	Oliver, Maurice	Garage



The crew from the Family Floor Store installs the new flooring at "Jina's Gym" at the Lamoine Consolidated School

Appeals Board Upholds Violation

(Lamoine) - Lamoine's Board of Appeals unanimously found a deck added onto a non-conforming building in the Shoreland Zone to be in violation of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford issued a notice of violation last April to Robert Seibel of Seaview Way for the deck, which was built within a few feet of the Skillings River.

The Board, after hearing from Mr. Seibel, did find that the existing boat house had not been converted to another use, and continued to be used for watercraft storage.

Under a ruling from the Board of Appeals, Mr. Seibel will be given until mid-October to remove the offending deck or be subject to a fine for the Shoreland Zoning Violation of up to \$2,500/day.

The deck was discovered by the Board of Assessors as they were conducting their property reviews in that section of town.

Barn Triggers Site Plan Review

(Lamoine) - A proposal by a Shore Road resident to build a large barn has kicked in Lamoine's Site Plan Review Ordinance, making the permitting process longer than usual. A public hearing was set for October 5, 2010 to hear any testimony regarding Jon VanAmringe's project.

The proposed barn measures 2,800 square feet. The Site Plan Review Ordinance requires that any accessory structure to a residence greater than 2,000 square feet in size go through the permitting process contained within that ordinance.

Shellfish Regulation Relatively Smooth

(Lamoine) - The newly hired Shellfish Warden for the 7-town region from Ellsworth to Sorrento reports things have gone well in the first few weeks of regulation. Mike Hall of Gouldsboro met with Selectmen in September to update them on the effort. He said landowners have been very cooperative, and the licensed diggers have not been shy about reporting unlicensed harvesting on the flats around Frenchman Bay. The town office staff reports relatively brisk sales of recreational licenses. Commercial licenses are sold only at Ellsworth City Hall. Clerk Jennifer Kovacs reports 46 recreational licenses were sold between July and the end of September.

Hall said Lamoine seemed to have the most digging activity of the 7 towns that signed onto the Regional Shellfishing Ordinance. He reported only one incident requiring law enforcement intervention where diggers trespassed on private property off Seal Point Road in order to access the shore. Hall says he patrols the flats at low tide, twice a day. Folks who see violations are encouraged to call his cell phone (400-6183)

Earlier Tax Due Date Causes Little Fuss

(Lamoine) - The approval of an earlier property tax payment date for the first half from October 31 to August 31 caused a little grumbling, but most folks paid on time and with understanding of the reasons. Town meeting in April approved the measure in order to enhance the summer cash flow due to the change in school structure which requires 12-equal installments. The new due date also stretches out the payments to 6-months between due dates.

Folks coming in during September asked about the interest and upon realizing that in most cases the late payment penalty was less than \$3.00 (the rate is 7% on the unpaid half balance), there were few complaints.

Paperless Receipts

(Lamoine) - Who thought that cutting costs could also be a time saver. The town office this fall has done away with the hand written tax receipts for each property tax payment. Instead, the payment information is entered into the office computers, and if a customer wishes to have a receipt, it is printed off on plain paper (far more readable than the handwritten ones!).

Treasurer receipts are also being generated electronically as well. The three part (white, yellow & pink) receipt books cost between \$200 and \$300 per year. The new method also allows a much faster generation of a duplicate receipt if needed.

Dog Licenses Available Oct. 16th

(Lamoine) - Dog licenses for 2011 will be available starting October 16th. All dogs over 6-months old must be licensed with the municipality pursuant to state law. The 2010 licensees expire on December 31st. There is a grace period in January to make sure rabies shots are up to date, and late fees, by statute, kick in starting February 1st.

The cost to license a neutered dog is \$6.00. A non-neutered dog costs \$11.00 to license. Proof of a current rabies shot is required at registration time.

The State of Maine has also started mailing proof of rabies shots to the town office, and many un-licensed dogs have been discovered with these documents. Reminders are sent once the rabies certificate comes in, and most folks have been good about licensing—otherwise they'll get a visit from the Animal Control Officer.

Office Closed October 13

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Town Office will be closed the afternoon of October 13th so that staff can re-train on Bureau of Motor Vehicles processes. You might see Stu & Jennifer's vehicles at the town hall, but that's because the class is being offered via "webinar", over the Internet, which will save serious mileage costs.

A few property owners who have their mortgage holders pay the property tax saw the payments arrive late. One company didn't send out their inquiry about tax amounts until 2-days before the payment was due. The applicable interest was included with the payments that arrived a few days later.

The town office staff does not have the authority to waive interest charges when they exceed one-dollar. At least one caller was rather upset that the due date was changed, and they didn't notice the large letters on the tax bill to take note of the new payment deadline. The caller said she felt the town office should have done more to inform taxpayers.

Assessors Uphold Tree Growth Penalties

(Lamoine) - Lamoine's Board of Assessors has sustained penalties for withdrawal from the Tree Growth taxation program that were imposed in 2008 on two property owners. Last February the State Board of Property Tax Review suggested (not as part of the decision) that the penalties imposed on the heirs of the late J. Aubrey Davis be abated. The State Board also suggested that the Lamoine Board give a 60-day notification to comply with a law that took effect in July 2008. The Board issued a new notice this past summer and did not receive the required paper work proving a forest management plan was in place after the expiration of the previous plan. The penalty payments from the previous assessment were not returned. Several meetings between the Assessors, the penalized land owners and the Selectmen have taken place.

Meanwhile, the Assessors are upholding the valuation of a large shorefront parcel on Shore Road that is partially enrolled in the Tree Growth Program. Old Point, Inc. appealed the valuation to the Hancock County Commissioners and the State Property Tax Review Board. All parties appeared, and attorneys for Old Point requested that the appeal be tabled until a date is scheduled to appear before the State Board. The lot in question is valued at \$1,661,700, with 73-acres enrolled at tree growth rates of a little over \$100/acre. The remaining acreage is granted a 10% valuation reduction because of a Conservation Easement placed on the land.

Budget Committee Begins Work

(Lamoine) - The 2011/12 municipal budget is already being developed ahead of next spring's town meeting, and the Budget Committee has kept its leadership the same. Henry Ashmore was selected to once again chair the 6-member panel, Hubene Brodie will serve as vice-chair, and Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon will act as the committee secretary.

Ashmore, in meeting with the Selectmen, had great praise for the various town departments that have submitted what he termed responsible budgets in the past many years. He noted that agencies over which the town government has no control would be wise to follow that example. The non-school portion of the budget will be discussed over four meetings taking place on October 18, November 8 and 29, and December 13. The Budget Committee no longer has any input on the school budget which is controlled by the RSU 24 Board and voted upon at a school district meeting.

No date has yet been set for the annual town meeting in 2011—Selectmen are expected to wait for the outcome of the advisory vote slated for November 2nd.

Absentee Ballots Available

(Lamoine) - Absentee balloting is under way for the November 2, 2010 election. You can phone the town office for ballots (667-2242), vote in person during regular business hours, or apply for ballots on line at: <http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl> (the link is on the town's website). Staff will process absentee ballots on Monday, November 1 at 10:30 AM prior to Election Day.



Welcome Aboard

The new Principal at the Lamoine Consolidated School is Anne McCann who started on the job in mid-summer. Mrs. McCann previously worked in the RSU 24 Central Office and replaces the retired Val Perkins



Making hay while the sun shines—definitely appropriate this past summer in Lamoine as warm sunny days were the norm. Adam Fronczak's crew mows up a section off Mud Creek Road to feed livestock over the coming winter.

Still Waiting for Cell Phone Service

(Lamoine) - The \$1,000/month payments from Verizon Wireless for rental of land for the cell phone tower continue to arrive, but as of October 1st, there is still no cell phone signal coming from the tower. Company officials last indicated to the town that the tower should be activated sometime between October and December, and they were waiting to construct towers in Bar Harbor before turning on the Lamoine tower.

The antennas were hooked together last spring, and the strobe light has been prominent on the tree line when looking across the Jordan River from Route 3 in Trenton. Many summer residents expressed frustration at the lack of cell phone service in Lamoine, hoping that the tower would be operating.

Adopters Continue to Amaze

By Georgia Munsell

(Lamoine) - The town is mighty grateful to the almost 70 volunteers who have adopted a section of town road and pick up litter at least twice a year. We salute and give thanks to our do-gooder Lamoine residents below who willingly give of their time to make our town more beautiful. Those with a star deserve extra recognition since they are out there picking up litter monthly, weekly and even daily.

Darlene, Elizabeth & Bob Alvarez*
Arlyss & Ray Becker
Barbara Bland & Don Bamman
Harold & Nancy Boynton*
Joan & Merle Bragdon*
Cynthia & Gordon Donaldson
Bruce & Amelia Gillett & Kathleen Rybarz
Michelle & Mike Hamby & Cub Scout Pack #88 (Garrett Smith, Conner McDevitt, Nick Harding and Jacob Fallica
Jackie Haines & Gregg Tehennepe
Nancy & Steve Heitert
Jude Lamb
Stu Marckoon
Terry Towne
Priscilla McAneny & Bill Reynolds*
Lucia Michielli
Phyllis & Larry Mobraaten
Georgia & Mark Munsell
Kim & Dean Murphy
Faith Perkins, Jim & Emily Crotteau
Jodi, Steve, Kayla & Luke Perry
Bob & Georgianna Pulver
Diane & David Sanderson
Sally & Ken Smith*
Doug Stewart*
Lynda & Chris Tadema-Wielandt*
Donna Thorburn
John & Penny Walls
Connie, Isaac, Rick, Ivy & Ella Wallace
Ken & Wendy Preston-Ward
Herb Watson & Alice French

If you're interested in adopting a stretch of road, contact the Lamoine Town office. We can supply folks picking up litter with a blaze orange top cover and plastic litter bags supplied by the Maine Department of Transportation. Several stretches of road still need adopting.

Transfer Station Painted

(Lamoine) - Transfer Station Manager Bill Fennelly has applied new coats of stain to the swap shop and bottle collection building at the transfer station, and has painted the trim on the two buildings. The transfer station is now 17-years old—the previous painting job was performed shortly after it opened in 1993. The newly painted buildings look pretty sharp, and some minor repairs were performed on one garage door in the process.



Maine's Conservation Commissioner Eliza Townsend was among the speakers at the dedication of the sculpture "Dialogue" at Lamoine State Park

Hazardous Waste Collection is 10/23

(Bar Harbor) - Got old paint, motor oil, or methyl-ethyl bad stuff kicking around the house? Have we got a deal for you. Once again the MDI League of Towns is co-sponsoring a household hazardous waste and universal waste collection day. It'll take place at MDI High School on Saturday, October 23rd from 9am to 1pm.

You must have a permit! The good news is, there is no cost to get a

permit, but they're available on a first come/first served basis at the town office. We are limiting the number of permits to 10—if you're the 11th person to get one, the town office staff will try to match you with a neighbor who already has one in order to pool the load. Besides the chemicals, the event will also take old computer monitors and televisions for free.

Settlement Pending With Trash Hauler

(Lamoine) - Selectmen are expected to reach a restitution agreement with local trash hauler Russell Boynton Jr. for bringing in trash from out of town to the Lamoine Transfer Station. Boynton has admitted he co-mingled the trash from 13 customers in Sullivan, Ellsworth and Trenton with his several dozen customers from Lamoine about a year. The town office calculated the improper trash by using an EPA average trash per person figure, the average household size, the cost per ton, and the amount of weeks to come up with an amount of just over \$1,000.00 that it cost to dispose of the out of town waste.

Property Tax Rate Falls

(Lamoine) - Taxpayers in Lamoine paid a bit less in property taxes this year, but with a caveat. Those with a homestead exemption ended up paying slightly more. The tax rate fell from 9.7 mills to 9.6 mills. However, the State of Maine lowered the homestead exemption amount from \$13,000 to \$10,000, which means the lost exemption exceeded the savings from the lower mill rate.

The lower mill rate was possible thanks in part to a lower school assessment by RSU 24, even including the extra tuition payments due to MDI High School for debt service.

Former LVFD Member Charged With Theft

(Lamoine) - The theft of a computer, cell phone and other items from the Lamoine Fire Station has resulted in charges against a former member of the department who was dismissed shortly after the incident. Ronald Garner was charged by the Hancock County Sheriff's Department with taking the items in the theft on July

which has not been recovered. A replacement computer has been purchased and some of the data that was backed up elsewhere has been restored to that unit, which is now locked down inside the fire station.

Garner became a suspect almost immediately. The Ellsworth Police Department had called the town office to report that Garner was allegedly making harassing telephone calls from the telephone at the fire station. A check of the missing cell phone records indicated that several calls were made that same day to the same numbers as reported to the Ellsworth PD. It is not clear if any other suspects have been identified at this time.

More troubling was damage done to the fire station itself. Somehow, the fire chief's office was flooded, soaking the carpet, which left the office with an extremely bad odor. The soda machine was vandalized, and the change inside the machine taken, possibly along with some product. Flashlights were missing from one of the fire trucks, equipment was left in the wrong location, and a first aid kit taken. Damage and loss totaled beyond the \$1,000 insurance deductible, and the town's insurance company has paid the difference.



Selectman Bill Brann installs new carpeting in the fire chief's office after a vandal flooded the office and soaked the previous rug.

20th. Garner has an extensive criminal history according to Deputy Rob Morang.

The computer stored all of the fire departments call and training records, along with equipment testing records and inventory of the various pieces of gear at the fire house. Several years worth of pictures were also lost from the computer

Fire Dept. Receives Lift Bags, Cutter

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department has taken delivery on a set of 3 heavy duty inflatable bags and a heavy duty cutter designed to lift vehicles and other heavy objects high enough to be able to perform rescue functions. The bags and controllers were funded through the Assistance to Firefighting Grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). A fourth bag has been ordered, which will fill out the grant. Also included were stabilizing struts for vehicles, extrication gloves for all members, and high intensity, rechargeable flashlights for most firefighters who would be working on car wrecks. The new cutter, which works with the existing hydraulic tool motors, is designed to be able to cut through the strong metals used in modern vehicles.

The equipment will make rescues at car accident scenes much more effective in the event of a roll over crash. It will also provide far more stability, keeping both accident victims and firefighters safer. The grant awarded to Lamoine's Fire Department totaled nearly \$15,000. The fire department raised enough funds for the 5% match.

New Radios For Fire Trucks

(Lamoine) - Firefighters from Lamoine will carry new pagers and communicate via new portable and truck mounted radios this fall. The gear has arrived and should be installed in early October. The Maine Forest Service provided a \$1,500 grant to assist with the purchase approved by voters at the April 2010 town meeting.

The new radios are needed to meet the Federal Communications Commission's narrow band mandate that will be imposed on January 1, 2012. Some of the older portable and truck mounted radios are not able to meet those specifications, and the pagers currently carried by firefighters will not work well with narrow band. For scanner listeners, there will be no change in the frequencies used by the fire department. The new radio gear cost approximately \$12,900.

State Safety Review Spurs Lots of Work

(Lamoine) - The State Bureau of Labor Standards has reviewed the various records and facilities at the Lamoine Fire Station and the Transfer Station, and offered a lot of suggestions on how to come into compliance with mandated federal and state safety requirements. The Safety Works program inspection gives the town a 6-month grace period to get things up to date.

The biggest problem is paper work—proving that volunteer firefighters are qualified to do what they're expected to do at a fire scene. A great deal of annual training, medical screening and

testing is required, and while it is being done, the record keeping has been a bit sketchy. Several policies have to be updated, and equipment inspection logs also need to be kept better. There were some facility issues at the fire station, such as required guards on light bulbs closer than 8-feet to working areas. Those are easily resolved.

At the transfer station, very few deficiencies were noted—those are pretty easily solved. The fire department will be tackling an issue each week for the next several months in an effort to pass any surprise inspection with flying colors. Some records were on the stolen computer (see article above) and may have to be recreated.

Quiet Summer for Fire Department

(Lamoine) - Just 10 fire department calls from July to September, and four of those were to stand by for other towns battling building fires. The biggest incident was a boat that capsized in the Jordan River shortly after President Obama's plane touched down at the Hancock County Airport. A young man fishing was able to make it to shore OK. Firefighters responded to a medical call on September 30th to assist County Ambulance. An accident in Hancock brought out firefighters to re-direct traffic around Lamoine in mid-September

Annual Fire Dept Supper is Oct. 16th

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Fire Department's annual clam chowder dinner will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2010 beginning at 5:00 PM at the Lamoine School. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children. Firefighters will sell tickets door to door the afternoon of Sunday, October 10th. Tickets will also be available at the door. The menu includes clam chowder, baked beans, casseroles, yeast rolls, dessert and beverage. Proceeds will benefit the fire department.

FD Auction Succeeds

(Lamoine) - The annual fire department auction in August was a huge success in all aspects. Bidders paid over \$6,500 in total for goods, services and gift certificates donated by local businesses and individuals. Volunteer Auctioneer Chas Hare led the bidding once again. Among the hotter items were heating fuel from a couple of local companies, firewood, gravel, and an autographed baseball from Red Sox shortstop Marco Scutaro.

Speed Sign Slows Down Traffic, A Bit

(Lamoine) - A trailer that measures and displays traffic speed gave drivers a pretty good idea of how fast they were going for a couple of weeks in Lamoine. The Maine Department of Transportation loans the signs on a lottery basis to communities around the state, and Lamoine won a two week session in September. After a rough ride to town from Blue Hill (the trailer came off the hitch on Route 172), the sign

There was a stretch of about 45-minutes during a late night where cars seemed to want to see how fast they could go. The fastest reading was 92 MPH in the 45 MPH zone!

Overall, folks driving through Lamoine were pretty well behaved. In the 45-MPH zones, about 85-percent of the drivers registered speeds of 48-MPH or less.



An unidentified truck is doing well under the speed limit as it approaches the intersection by the Lamoine Town Hall

got to work, first by the town hall, in the 35-MPH zone.

Besides displaying the speed for motorists, the solar & battery powered sign also records all the speeds registered by traffic and can download the information to a computer spreadsheet and chart. It yielded results in Lamoine that were not terribly shocking. Of the roads that were measured, Jordan River Road (Route 204) had the fastest vehicles.

The sign was set up on Douglas Highway, Mud Creek Road, Pinkhams Flats, Jordan River Road, Buttermilk Road and Lamoine Beach Road during its brief stay in town. Road Commissioner Mike Jordan was able to make the sign functional after it's mishap, and local welder Harrison Pinkham made repairs to the trailer hitch so that the Town of Milbridge could come fetch the sign for its next stop.

Bulky Waste Disposal Change

(Ellsworth) - A major change in how Lamoine residents dispose of bulky waste and demolition debris has taken place. For that past 17-years the town had an arrangement with the City of Ellsworth that allowed residents to obtain a permit from the town hall and take oversized waste to the Ellsworth Transfer Station. The city would bill the town and the town in turn would bill individuals for the disposal cost. It worked pretty well—a few people have not paid their trash bills over the years.

Now, the City of Ellsworth is no longer accepting the bulky waste. A company called Ellsworth Demo Disposal has opened up shop behind the Ellsworth facility and is taking all the bulky waste that is no longer accepted in Ellsworth (and can't be accepted in Lamoine). No longer are permits required from the town office—disposal fees will be collected by the private company, and not run through the town. The new facility is open



A crew from MDOT installs a new route direction sign near the Lamoine Town Hall

Monday through Saturday from 8am to 4pm, and closed on Sundays. The phone number is 667-4333. Final bills for the city run facility will be mailed sometime in October.

State Roads Get Needed Patches



The Maine DOT will fix a big bump on Douglas High this fall—someone spray painted it to warn motorists

(Lamoine) - The state roads running through Lamoine are also the ones in the worst shape, but work over the summer and more expected this fall should help a bit. Mud Creek Road which had wheel ruts so bad the last two winters that the plowing contractors expressed concern got a shim of pavement over the summer. That should take care of the worst areas for the winter. Local MDOT supervisor Joe Lacerda says he hopes the road can be properly ditched and possibly paved in 2011.

The stretch of Douglas Highway in North Lamoine remains in rough shape, despite paving just a few years ago. The picture above shows a rock poking up under the pavement. Someone spray painted it, and since the “artwork”, the MDOT has marked it for excavation, presumably this fall. As for a paving or reconstruction job, both North Lamoine and the section of Route 184 in East Lamoine are on “the list” for the next six years.

Signs Installed, Street Signs Swiped

(Lamoine) - Folks in Marlboro were getting used to giving directions to lost travelers, then alerted the town office that there were no direction signs at the intersection of Mud Creek Road and Route 204. An e-mail to the Maine DOT brought swift results—crews installed new direction signs all over town, including that intersection. And while folks “from away” are still getting lost on the trek from Route 1 in Hancock to Route 3 in Trenton, it seems to be less frequent.

Meanwhile, street name sign thefts were at a fever pitch over the summer. No less than 18-signs were reported missing in mid-July. Each sign, post, and holder costs the town approximately \$50, not including the labor of the road commissioner to put them in. The signs have arrived at the town hall in late September, and await installation by Road Commissioner Michael Jordan and Adm. Asst. Stu Marckoon when time allows. The sign thefts have been reported to the Hancock County Sheriff's Department.

Lamoine Community Arts

By Anne Stocking

(Lamoine) - Lamoine Community Arts is currently in rehearsal for its fall production, *Rumors*, by American playwright Neil Simon. The play, which is the first full two-act production undertaken by LCA, is a quick-moving farce, full of laughs. Come see your friends and neighbors as New York socialites at sea in an unusual social situation! (Note: the play contains language that some may find offensive.) Performances will be Friday and Saturday, October 29 and 30 at 7:00; Saturday, November 6 at 7:00; and Sunday, November 7 at 3:00. Admission is free (donations gratefully accepted!) and all performances are at the Lamoine Grange.



Robyn Henry as Tunie, Amelia Gillett as Sadie, Brent Hutchins as Cully and Sarah Willis as Rosa May at the August performance of *Cully's Gold*.
Photo by Robin Veysey.

Eel Grass Restored

By Jane Disney

(Lamoine) - Lamoine citizens worked in collaboration with Mt. Desert Island Biological Laboratory scientists and interns to restore eelgrass in Berry Cove in July. They tied eelgrass onto grids that were placed in the water at the west end of the cove. The restoration area is marked by buoys at each end. Local mussel harvesters have agreed not to drag in the restoration area so that this important habitat can recover. Eelgrass stabilizes sediments, removes pollutants from the water, and serves as a nursery for marine species. Studies of fish and invertebrates that colonize new eelgrass patches will commence next summer.



Eelgrass Restoration Volunteers stand in front of the Maine Coast Heritage Trust boat loaded with eelgrass grids. Lamoine resident and MCHT regional steward, Terry Towne, shuttled eelgrass grids from the Lamoine State Park to Berry Cove. Pictured are (from left to right) Gage Brummer, Val Marshall, Jane Disney, Diane Sanderson, Carol Korty, Georgianna Pulver, Fred Stocking, Jerry Simon, Emily Croutteau, and Sam Levin. Not pictured are Faith Perkins, Bob Pulver, and Doug Stewart

Football Comes To Town



Ellsworth Football League coach Duane Crawford gives instructions to players at the athletic fields behind the Lamoine School. A high school level team is playing for the first time in decades and using Lamoine as its home field. The team has been very successful as a club team, and even beat new arch rival MDI in a game that jammed the roads with fans for both teams in their initial meeting.

Vital Statistics

(Lamoine) - Welcome to Lamoine to **Aiden Nicholas Birdsall** born at MDI Hospital on June 30, 2010; **Brandon David Dandurand** born at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital on July 2, 2010 and **Erin Beatrix Kutney** born at MCMH on September 5, 2010.

Our sympathies to family and friends of **Dorothy Harvey** who passed away on September 23, 2010. Much of her family still resides in Lamoine.

Congratulations to the following couples who married this summer:

- ☺ **Brandon Alvarez & Candi Door**, married in Ellsworth June 26,
- ☺ **James Rodia & Christian Cass**, married in SW Harbor June 26,
- ☺ **Alton Bunker & Susannah Lewis**, married in Lamoine July 3,
- ☺ **Gerald Nasberg & Dawn Jordon**, married in Franklin July 24,
- ☺ **Clyde Cushing & Elaine Lowell**, married in Lamoine August 14,
- ☺ **Greg Sinclair and Elise Wade**, married in Lamoine August 21,
- ☺ **Dale Cook & Doris Herrick**, married in Lamoine August 28,
- ☺ **Wayne Briggs & Katrina Closson**, married in Hancock September 25

Records Rules Change

(Augusta) - Obtaining a copy of birth, death, and marriage records has become more difficult and more expensive. To obtain a record, one has to prove a direct and legitimate interest in the record. In other words, you or a direct descendent have to be named on the record.

The town office, in order to comply with the new law, will now require all people obtaining a record to fill out an application and provide identity prior to receiving a certified copy. The cost for certified copies has increased to \$15 for the first copy, and \$6 for each additional copy. More information about the new rules can be found on the state's website at: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/phs/odrvs/vital-records/new-law.html>

October 2010 Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Because property taxes are no longer due in October, the office will only be open the first and last Saturdays of the month, not every Saturday.					1	2-Office open 8-12
3	4-6:30 Local School Adv. Cmte	5-6:30 PM Planning Board	6-7PM Assessors 6:30 Snowmobile	7-7PM Selectmen	8-State Shutdown Day	9
10	11-Columbus Day (office closed)	12	13-Office closing 2pm 7PM Consvr Cmsn	14	15	16-LVFD Dinner
17	18-7PM Budget Cmte.	19-7PM Parks Cmsn.	20	21-7PM Selectmen	22	23-Haz Waste @ MDI High School
24	25	26	27	28	29	30-Office open 8-12
31	The Fire Department meets each Tuesday night at approximately 7:00 PM at the Fire Station					

November 2010-Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1-10:30 am Absentee Ballot processing	2-Election Day 10am to 8pm	3-7PM Assessors	4-7PM Selectmen	5	6-Office open 8-noon
7	8-7PM Budget Cmte.	9-7PM Planning Board (closed @ lunch)	10-7PM Conservation Cmsn. Collaboration Workshp	11-Office Closed, Veterans Day	12	13
14	15	16-7PM Parks Cmsn.	17	18-7PM Selectmen	19	20
21	22	23	24	25-Office Closed, Thanksgiving	26	27-Office Open 8-12
28	29-7PM Budget Cmte	30				

December 2010 Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1-7PM Assessors	2-7PM Selectmen	3	4-Office Open 8-12
5	6	7-7PM Planning Board	8-7PM Conservation Cmsn.	9	10	11
12	13-7PM Budget Cmte.	14	15	16-7PM Selectmen	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24-Office closing @ Noon	25-Office closed-Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31-Office closes @ noon	

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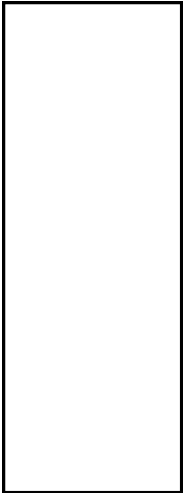
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